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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 0049

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PO, AG, AO, VS
SUBJ: POSSIBLE GVN CONTACT WITH NEW GOVERNMENT OF SAO TOME
AND PRINCIPE

REF: SAIGON 15849 AND 00099

1. AS MLSTP LEADERS IN LIBREVILLE HAVE TAKEN NO INITIATIVE
IN CONTACTING U.S. EMBASSY HERE AND AS EMBASSY WAS INSTRUCTED
IN STATE 252758 ON NOVEMBER 16, 1974 NOT TO TAKE ANY
APPROACH TO MLSTP, OUR KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING VIEWS OF
MLSTP LEADERS IS PERFORCE MINIMAL. IN FEW CASUAL
CONVERSATIONS EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE HAD AT VARIOUS
RECEPTIONS WITH MLSTP LEADERS HERE, LATTER HAVE SHOWN
THEMSELVES TO BE FRIENDLY AND QUITE WILLING TO DEVELOP
CONTACTS WITH USG. THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY INITIATIVE
ON THEIR OWN, AND HAVE NOT VOLUNTEERED ANY
INFORMATION ON THEIR VIEWS.

2. IT IS EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL
TENDENCIES WITHIN MOVEMENT, INCLUDING A RADICAL
WING AND ALSO MODERATE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE BEING BACKED BY
GABON. WOULD APPEAR UNLIKELY THAT MLSTP WOULD BE PARTICULARLY
RECEPTIVE TO TIES WITH GVN UNLESS PRESSED TO DO SO BY GABON
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WHICH IS UNLIKELY. PRESIDENT BONGO HAS ASSIDUOUSLY CULTIVATED

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HIS NONALIGNED IMAGE IN LAST YEAR RECOGNIZING PEKING AND
SIHANOUK WHILE SUPPORTING SOUTH KOREA. GOG POSITION ON VIETNAM
SOMEWHAT NEBULOUS AND PROBABLY INTENTIONALLY SO. ON BALANCE
THEREFORE AND ON BASIS VERY LITTLE DIRECT INFORMATION, WOULD
SEE NO OBJECTION IN GVN CONTACTING MLSTP BUT WOULD DOUBT THAT
SUCH CONTACT WOULD BE VERY PRODUCTIVE.
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